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2014 UIL BASKETBALL



North Shore High School 2014 UIL State Basketball Champion *See Story page 2*

The week of March 6 thru 8, 2014 was one filled with many handshakes and tall tales. If you had a dollar for every smile and tale told during that time period, you would be a millionaire. One of the highlights of the 2014 UIL Basketball Tournament was the half-time presentation of the State Champions from 25 years ago.

In the case of the PVIL, it was 54 years ago. No matter how long ago it was, you could not tell with all of the backslapping going on. John Payton along with his 1964 Charlton-Pollard Bulldogs of Beaumont, were introduced to the crowd and received a standing ovation. They represented the PVIL with the same swagger that they had when winning the championship in Prairie View's 'Little Dome', beating Kashmere 58-55, in the championship game. Payton, with the help of future NBA star Zelmo Beatty, also coached Woodville Scott to back-to-back state titles in 1956 and '57. Dr. Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director of UIL, informed the crowd of Payton's resume that included being one of the first black officials, to referee in the UIL State Basketball Tournament. He was a 'no nonsense' coach who went to battle for his



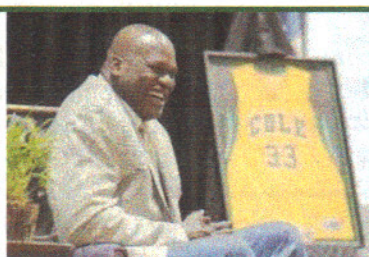
John Payton Honored At 2014 UIL Tournament



A Young Shaq

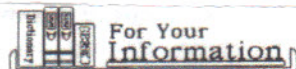


UIL Tournament Presentation



33 Retired

players. After 54 years, some players have passed on to glory, but were represented by family members. Another highlight of the session was the introduction of the "Shaq" on page 2

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Beaumont 1964 Charlton - Pollard Bulldogs Honored

Members of the Conference 4A boys state champion Charlton-Pollard team are Percy Anderson, Walter Criner, Eddie Crockett, Robert Gipson, John Greer, J.C. Simon, John Traylor, Donnell Vallery, Rufus Wells, Albert Woods, James White, Herman Gremillion, James Jackson, Sammie McDonald, Solomon Wayne Moore and Leroy Semien.

The Kirkpatrick Wildcats of Fort Worth

The Wildcats of Kirkpatrick of Fort Worth were honored at the 2014 State Basketball Tournament. They represented the 1964 PVIL 3A champion by defeating Fidelity of Galena Park 65 - 61. ■

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Cole High School Cougars of San Antonio featuring none other than Shaquille O'Neal. Dr. Breithaupt asked the question: "How many athletes can you identify from just his first name? There is Magic, Tiger and Wilt, but when you look back there are not many who belong to that fraternity. If I say Shaq, you know exactly who I'm talking about." (the crowd erupted in cheers and applause) He continued to cite the accomplishments of Shaq which were numerous. The night before the tournament, O'Neil's number 33 jersey was retired at his high school.

Wonder if he's going to recount the weekend of March 6 - 8, 2014 to his co-hosts, Charles (Barkley), Kenny (Smith) and Ernie (Johnson)?. It's hard to imagine that they would be able to match anything that could top Shaq's weekend.

The tournament was filled with excitement that included games from division 1A to 5A. Some were nail-biters. All were backed by fans filled with school spirit.

North Shore 2014-5A Basketball King

David Green, Jr.

Galena Park North Shore's David Green Jr. is coaching in his fourth state tournament, but he was leading his team to a state final on Saturday for the first time in his 27-year career. Green led Kountze, Fort Bend Hightower, and Beaumont Central to state tournaments in the past, but each trip ended in the semifinals. On Friday, he reached the state title game for the first time with his team's 48-45 victory against DeSoto. Converse Judson had the size advantage in Saturday's Class 5A basketball state championship game. North Shore's tallest player was 6'6" Adrian Brown, a reserve who didn't see any time in the Mustangs' two games. Judson started two players at least an inch taller, in 6'7" Tanner Leissner and 6'9" David Wacker. When it was over late Saturday night, being taller didn't matter. What North Shore lacked in height, the Mustangs more than made with their defensive pressure. They controlled the pace - and the game - to beat Converse Judson 57-45 and win the 5A title at the Frank Erwin Center. It's the program's first championship in three trips (North Shore lost the 1997 final to Dallas Kimball). North Shore forced 18 Judson turnovers and was

only out rebounded by four (29-25). The Mustangs outscored the Rockets 40-16 in the paint. "They don't quit," North Shore's head coach David Green said. "We get after it on defense and anytime you can play defense and shut people down, good things have to happen." ■

Smithville PVIL 1962-63 Football Team Honored - Coach Gene Sampson, Sr.

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Jimmy Emmanuel, far left, and Gene Sampson, far right. Back Row, left to right: James Minor, Gary Carter and Roland Davis. Second Row, left to right: Frank Green, Eddie Thomas, Max Carter Anderson, Lee Arthur Fortice, Charles Chaney, Truman Jackson, Floyd Rogers and Lewis Henderson. Front Row, left to right: Charles Ray Felix, Marvin Price, Johnny Gibson, Dwight Harris and Daniel Hardeman.



photograph was taken in 1963 by local photographer Fred Moree and donated to the Sampsons by his son, Richard Moree. For Sampson, the game marked the beginning of an outstanding career in teaching, coaching and as a principal. He became the UIL Prairie View Interscholastic League coach of the year. Sampson gives much of that credit to Emanuel, who he says taught him a lot about how to lead and how to coach. "We traveled by bus and the playoffs were much like they are now," Sampson said. "We played Bastrop, Elgin, Lockhart and Sealy. I remember that it was a very cold night at Barry Field." The newspaper account says that "a very small shivering crowd faced the bitter weather to see the Leopards bring home Smithville's first State Class A football championship." Sampson recalls a different scene. "The town was there to support us. They came out, both black and white, to see the game and support the team," Sampson said. "Business people, organizations and individuals generously opened their purse strings to help defray expenses," the newspaper said. The Times also quoted Mary A. Brown principal E. Moore. "We have been given fine support and it is wonderful to live in a town with people in it like Smithville," the story read. The team played during changing times for the African-American community and Sampson was part of the movement that was taking hold

"The Ring"



George E. Adams
T. J. Bell
Charles Brown
Leroy Bookman, Jr. III
Leroy "Lumberjack" Brown
Robert Brown
James R. Bundage
Jackie Carr
Reginald C. Christopher
Rev. Jimmie Cobbin
Elgin G. Davis
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Cleve Freeman, Jr.
Oscar W. Fresch, Jr.
Oscar G. Greenwood Sr.
Spencer Harris III
Ellis Hubbard

Freddie James
Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson
Jeff Lewis Jr.
Coy Limbrick, Sr.
David Q. Marks
Ruben E. Phillips
John "J.D." Richardson
Anthony Sampson
Gene L. Sampson Jr.
Robert "Blue" Smith
Johnny Tardy Jr.
Thomas "Tom" Valley
Franklin D. Wesley Jr.
James "Froggie" White.
Jesse E. Yates
Horace Young

On a very cold December night at Barry Field in 1963, a football team from Smithville made history by winning the "Class A state Negro schoolboy football championship," according to The Smithville Times dated Dec. 19, 1963. The team was special, according to coach Gene Sampson, Sr. "The team had desire, determination, ability and leadership," Sampson said. "That was really due to coach Jimmy Emanuel - he put the energy into the program; he was the brain trust for the team." The Mary A. Brown Leopards crushed the McFarland Bears from Mineola by a score of 38-6. The team finished with a 12-1 record. The Leopards broke the game open with three second-quarter touchdowns and according to the front-page article in The Times, they dominated play in the second half. Senior halfback Max Carter scored four touchdowns in the game, one on a 70-yard pass from quarterback Charles Chaney. Richard Moree Contributed Photo: Gene and Doris Sampson pose with a framed photograph of the 1963 Mary A. Brown Class A state football championship team. Gene, a coach for the team, went on to a distinguished career in coaching and teaching for the Smithville Independent School District. The original

around the country. Sampson graduated from Emile High School in Bastrop in 1958 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin in 1962. He had been a high school athlete himself and in 1962, began teaching science and math at Mary A. Brown, a role he undertook for three years. The college, originally formed to educate freed slaves, had historically been a black institution. While attending the school, Sampson was exposed to the rising tide of a national civil rights movement. Martin Luther King Jr. and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were making waves across the south and Sampson and his fellow students were encouraged to be part of it. "We were well aware of the movement that was spreading across the country. We were profoundly affected and quickly learned about the lunch counter movements in Washington, D.C. and about Rosa Parks. We were encouraged by these things," Sampson said. "We would go downtown and attempt to integrate Woolworth's and other downtown establishments in Austin. We knew the saying was, share and share alike, but that was not always the case." When Sampson arrived in Smithville, one of the first places he visited was a drugstore. "I was told to go to the end of

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the counter," Sampson said. "There were separate water fountains, bathrooms and even separate doctors. It is not something the young people today might understand." Sampson said much of the equipment the football team used was hand-me-downs. The cleats were mismatched and the helmets and pads were all well used. It was just the way it was, he said, and people moved forward and made do. Sampson says he learned not to be bitter, he just strived to accomplish more. Sampson earned a master's degree from Texas Southern University in 1967. He was certified to become a superintendent from Southwest Texas University in 1972 and worked for the Smithville Independent School District from 1962 through 1997. Sampson's friend Richard Moree, whose father Fred, a photographer, took the photo of the championship football team, says Sampson "has contributed continuously to Smithville and Bastrop County and even today works as a volunteer. He is a very humble individual with compassion for assisting others." Sampson has been married to his beloved wife Doris for 53 years and they have two sons and four grandchildren. Sampson serves the community as a member of U.S. Selective Service board, director of the Bastrop County Appraisal board, director of the Smithville Community Clinic, president of the Huston-Tillotson University alumni chapter of Bastrop County and is chair of the deacons board at Wyldwood Baptist Church in Cedar Creek. Sampson, along with the 1963 Leopard championship team, has overcome adversity with dignity and stands as a role model for the community at large.

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Ervin "Cat" Garnett TAACA Inductee

Ervin "Cat" Garnett graduated from I.M. Terrell High School as an outstanding running back for Coach Marion "Bull" Bates. I.M. Terrell won the first official State Championship in 1940 after being organized in all athletics in the state for Blacks.

Garnett went on to Prairie View where he participated in football, baseball and golf; earning B.A. and M.A. Degrees. He began his coaching career in 1950 at Calvert, moved to Woodson High School in Abilene in 1953 and to Booker T. Washington in Wichita Falls in 1955. He coached until 1989 then went into administration. During his coaching career he compiled a record of 157 wins, 41 losses, and 4 ties, winning 2 state titles, 7 district titles and was a state finalist 3 times.

During his playing days he was an All-State High School Fullback in 1941, All-Southwestern Conference Quarterback in 1949, Inducted into the Prairie View Hall of Fame in 1988 and made many significant contributions to athletics in the cities where he coached. His membership in professional organizations are many including the Prairie View Coaching School and the THSCA. We are proud to induct Ervin "Cat" Garnett into the TAACA.

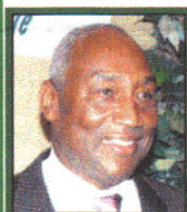


Ervin "Cat" Garnett

February is Black History Month!

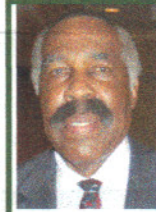
The best black history month of the PVILCA occurred in 2014. The traveling exhibit went to Worthing High of Houston and was the first on the list to be visited by Charles Herbert and Robert Brown. Second stop was Wheatley High School where Charles Herbert, Tom Valley, and Robert Brown met the new principal and three classes of interested students. Jack Yates and B. T. Washington were visited by Marcus Moseley and Robert Brown. Dallas Lincoln and Madison Schools also saw the traveling exhibit as well as Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Port Arthur, Texas where PVILCA coordinator, Mrs. T. Worthy is assistant principal.

They Visited the PVIL Exhibits



Ed Roby

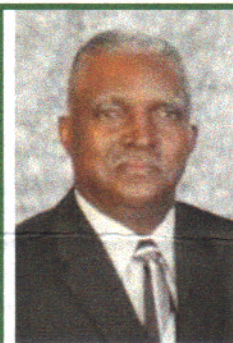
In his 2011 banquet speech, Speaker John Wooten spoke of the wells that today's athletes drink water from that they did not dig. **Yates of Houston, Kimball and Madison of Dallas basketball teams**



Brennen Temple

toured the PVIL exhibit in the Griffin Building in Austin, led by PVILCA Board Members Ed Roby and Brennen Temple. The PVIL exhibit reminds youngster that this didn't just happen yesterday. They might have viewed pictures of their fathers, grandfathers or uncles

Like Father! Like Sons!



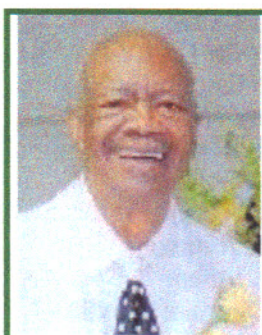
Goree Johnson



Roderick and Royce Johnson

It was a family affair at the 2014 Texas UIL State Basketball Tournament where brothers coached two winners of the five divisions. I challenge you to find a combination where the father won two state titles, one son won two state titles and another son won one title. The sons won their titles in the same year. This is probably a world record. Goree, won back-to-back 5A titles in 1996 and 1997. Royce, 41, has seven state trips in his tenure as Kimball's head coach, winning 4A titles in 2011 and 2012. The 45-year-old Roderick was getting his first championship as a head coach.

Groundbreaking Texas pastor Marvin Griffin



**Rev. Marvin C.
Griffin**

Marvin Griffin, a Baptist pastor and denominational statesman known for his efforts to improve economic and educational opportunities for African-Americans in Austin, Texas, died Christmas Day 2013 at age 90. Griffin, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Austin for 42 years, was elected first black president of the Austin Independent School District board of directors in 1978, a tumultuous time when the board was working to integrate public schools. Under his leadership Ebenezer Baptist Church formed the East Austin Economic Development Corporation in 1988 to provide affordable housing, care for senior adults, a child-development center and other services in its neighborhood. The building that houses the ministry was named the Marvin C. Griffin Building in his honor on his 33rd anniversary as pastor in 2002.

Griffin served as historian of the National Baptist Convention of America Inc., corresponding secretary of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas and

director of the Christian education enrichment program at the National Baptist Fellowship of Churches. Griffin was the first African-American to graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned the master in religious education degree to go along with the master of divinity degree he received from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. His church was one of the first predominantly black congregations to affiliate with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He was the first African-American to be elected to the BGCT Christian Life Commission in 1970. He ran for the office of BGCT first vice president and won in 1996, after being endorsed by the moderate group Texas Baptists Committed. He served as a trustee at Hardin-Simmons University from 1991 until 1999.

Griffin served as an instructor at Ridgecrest, N.C., teaching "Pastoral Ministry in the Black Church." The Black Southern Baptist Denominational Servants Network honored him in 2007 by presenting him the Kennedy-Boyce Award, named after the first two African-American churches to join the Southern Baptist Convention in 1953. He voted in his first federal election in 1944, paying the required \$1.75 poll tax to cast a ballot for Franklin Roosevelt. He was a delegate at the 1968 National Democratic Convention in Chicago, remembered for riots broken up by Chicago police and the nomination of Vice President Hubert Humphrey after President Johnson declined to seek a second term. Texas Gov. John Connally appointed Griffin to the board of Texas Southern University in 1963. Griffin was pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, for 16 years before he went to Ebenezer Baptist in 1969. He retired from the pastorate in 2011, donating the Marvin C. Griffin Papers to The Texas Collection at Baylor University.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois King Griffin, and a daughter, Gaynelle Griffin Jones, whom President Bill Clinton appointed U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. Jones was the first African-American woman to hold that post and the first black woman to serve on the First Court of Appeals in Texas.

He is survived by two daughters, Ria Griffin and Marva Lois Carter.

PVILCA Celebrates The Completed Life of Family Members



**Audrey
Peoples**

Audrey Peoples

The PVILCA family celebrates the completed life of Audrey Peoples. Audrey was the wife of the late Johnny Peoples, legendary coach of George Washington Carver of Baytown, Texas. He also coached at Worthing High School in Houston.



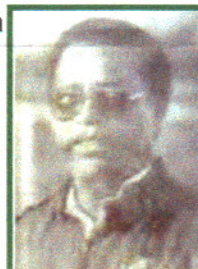
**Florence
Temple**

Florence Temple

We offer our sincere condolences to Brannen Temple and his family for the loss of his wife, Florence. They were married for 57 year. From this marriage she leaves to mourn 4 children, six grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. We will remember the Temple family in our prayers.

Benjamin Mays

Coach Benjamin James Mays, 74, passed away Sunday February 2, 2014. He graduated from Central High School in 1958 and went to Texas Southern University on a football scholarship. He received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Health and Physical Education in 1963 and a Master of Science degree in Health and Physical Education in 1972. He began his teaching career in Mexia, Texas as a high school Physical Education teacher and football/track coach. One year later, he moved back to Galveston, Texas to continue teaching and coaching at Goliad Junior High School. Ben served Galveston ISD for 29 years at Sam Houston Junior High, Central Middle and Ball High Schools.



**Benjamin
Mays**

Current Life Members
"You are the grease in the wheel."

2006

Jack Bellinger
 Robert Brown
 Ellis Davis, Jr.
 Herman Gabriel
 Arthur Gillum
 Clyde Glosson
 Charles Herbert

2007

Charles Brown
 Jackie Carr
 John Codwell, Jr.
 Glennor Davis
 Walter E. Day
 Ronald Goodbeer
 James "Bo" Humphery
 Alvin N. Jackson
 James C. Mayes, Sr.
 Stanley R. Mays
 King Arthur Prayther
 Dr. Thurman Robins
 Edward Roby
 Ray Seals
 William L. Sims
 James Wanza
 Gene Washington
 Franklin D. Wesley, Jr.
 Walter Yates, Sr.

2008

Weldon O. Baker
 Oliver "Show" Brown
 Cogger H. Coverson
 Jefferson Davis, Jr.
 Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr.
 Willie Floyd
 Charles Frazier
 George Gray
 Charles Green
 Roland Hayes
 L.L. Jackson
 Don A. James
 Freddie James
 R. "Ralph" Johnson
 Ed Jones
 James Jones, II
 Kirby Jones
 Joe Leonard, Sr.
 Vickie Minor
 Michael Mitchell
 Homer Norville
 Marvin Pettway
 Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.
 Lewis Ritcherson
 Lewis H. Ritcherson, II
 Edward G. Robinson
 Hensley Sapenter, Jr.
 Dr. T. A. Sims
 Brannen G. Temple
 James A. (Froggie) White
 James "Clint" Williams

2009

James Alexander
 Roosevelt Alexander
 Leon Carr
 Kenneth Curl, Jr.
 Donald "Mantan" Dickson
 Thomas "Bill" Edwards
 Albert Fair, Jr.
 Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
 Charles "Tex" Harrison
 Dan Haskins
 Eddie Hughes
 Arnell Stripling Johnson
 Ralph Jones
 Chauncey King, Sr.
 Freddie Maura
 Ross E. Lewis
 Ocell Miller, Jr.
 Nicholas Overton
 Luther C. Robinson
 Dave Smith
 Robert J. Tapscott
 Albert "Big Al" Walker
 Horace Young

2010

Joe Curtis Baker
 Leroy Bookman, Jr.
 Leroy Bookman, Sr.
 Lorenzo Cole
 C. H. Collins
 Enoch Noble Dixon, Jr.
 Cleve L. Freeman Jr.
 Charles L. Fisher
 Charles L. Garcia
 Gentry Hornsby
 Edwin Johnson
 Johnnie Means
 Charles O'Saw
 Rodney D. Saveat
 John Smith, Jr.
 Waylan D. Wallace, Jr.

2011

Dr. William C. Akins
 Howard O'Neal Aldridge
 S. A. Anderson
 Billy Earl Beasley
 Jerry Lewis Blair
 Tommy Bookman
 Billy "Bill" Brown
 James "Bo" Bundage
 Timothy Carr, III
 Lawrence A. Collins
 Willie Frank Dearion
 Robert L. Dickson, II
 Charles "Doc" Dockery
 Nathaniel A. Gillespie
 Spencer Harris, III
 John Hightower

2011 continued

Beverly Day Humphery
 Dr. Jesse Henry Hurst, II
 Oliver E. Jenkins
 Henry Johnson
 Coy K. Limbrick
 Timothy C. Moon, Jr.
 Rathers Alvin Norwood
 J. M. Richard
 Pervis Rosemon
 William F. Rosemon
 Joseph Warren Singleton
 John A. Truitt, Jr.
 Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
 Joe D. Washington, Sr.
 Delvin Williams
 Nicholas "Nic" Williams
 James R. Wilson

2012

Tommy L. Amerson
 Brady Beauregard
 Willie Blackmon
 Clinton Booker
 Albert L. Breed
 Ben L. Cavil
 Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
 John Luther Clayton
 Sullie Eugene Cobbin
 Charles Ray Cone
 Felix L. Cook, Jr.
 Larry Edwards
 Jimmie L. Emanuel
 Arthur L. Haggerty
 Goree "Coach" Johnson
 James D. Kennedy
 Lester L. King
 Leroy Marshall
 Lewis M. Marshall
 Marcus Mosley
 John E. Payton
 Tommy Pierson
 William A. Stell
 Johnny Tardy, Jr.
 Clarence W. Weatherspoon
 Jesse E. Yates

2013

George E. Adams
 Alton Earl Bennett
 Donald L. Bennett
 Cecil D. Boykin
 Anthony Dwight Brown
 Vernon Carather
 Reginald C. Christopher
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 Elgin Davis
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 Frederick "Ricky" Warren
 Clifton Williams
 Malone Woods, Jr.
 Harry Wright
 Travis Alton Wright

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 Johnny Walker
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